(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of hospitals which have fouted the prescribed norms for disposal of waste; and

(c) what action Government have taken against managements of concerned hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) As per survey conducted in 40 major hospitals in Delhi by Central Pollution Control Board during July 27 to August 17, 1999, Tirathram Shah Hospital, R.B. Seth Jessa Ram Hospital and Jivodaya Hospital have not installed any treatment facility.

The Central Pollution Control Board has also pointed out technical shortcomings in the functioning of incinerators installed and defects in segregation in the hospitals inspected by them.

(c) Ministry of Environment & Forests has notified Bio-Medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 for the proper treatment and disposal of Bio-Medical Waste. As per these rules, all the hospitals in the country are required to provide necessary facilities for treatment and safe disposal of Bio-Medical Waste as per schedule VI of the Rules.

Delhi Pollution Control Committee has been notified as a prescribed authrity for implementation of the Rules. They have issued notices to the hospitals to comply with the Rules and Public notices are being issued in the newspapers for attention of all hospitals and nursing homes to take necessary measures for proper treatment of bio-medical waste.

Municipal Corporation of Delhi has also reported that they have launched prosecution against 6 Medical institutions for not providing incinerators.

Continuation of BCG Vaccine

1732. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether BCG vaccine for infants is being continued though discontinued internationally;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures to minimise Hepatities B among children would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) World Health Organisation recommends that all countries with high incidence of tuberculosis infection should immunize every with a single dose of BCG at or soon after birth. The immunization programme in India provides for vaccination of infants with a single dose of BCG. A number of other countries follow the schedule recommended by World Health Organisation.

(c) Training and equipment to ensure Injection Safety and proper Sterilization have been provided at all facilities. Screening of blood for Hepatitis B is done before transfusion. It has however, not so far yet been possible to take up Hepatitis B Immunization for children due to resource constraints.

Grants to Sher-I-Kashmir Natoinal Medical Institute Trust

1733. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sher-I-Kashmir National Medical Institute Trust has received regular grants and donations from the Central Government;

(b) if so, the amount paid during the last three years;

(c) whether Government have checked the manner in which the amount has been spent by the Trust;

(d) if so, whether any irregularities were found by Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) No regular grants and donations are being given by the Central Government to Sher-I-Kashmir National Medical Institute Trust.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.